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Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	G. Wyszomierski
Attorney Docket Number	17714

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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☐ Amendment/Reply      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)      01 FC:1801 770.00 DA

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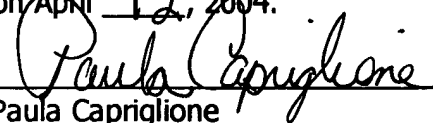
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For:    METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDUCTION HEAT TREATING  
ELECTRICAL CONTACTS  
Serial No.:    10/073,488                      Filed: February 11, 2002  
Examiner:    G. Wyszomierski                      Group Art Unit: 1742  
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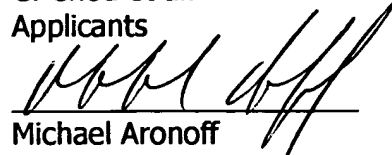
Sir:

This Request is in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 9, 2004 for the above identified application. It is respectfully requested that the proposed amendments previously submitted with the Reply of February 10, 2004 be entered and considered. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 10, 2004. As such, an Appeal Brief is due on April 12, 2004 (April 10, 2004 being a Saturday). This RCE is being submitted in lieu of the Appeal Brief. As this RCE is being submitted within the two month period for submitting the Appeal Brief, it is Applicant's understanding that no additional extension fees are due. However, if additional fees are due kindly charge any such fee and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.

Respectfully submitted,

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